

House Resolution No. 3657

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives proudly pause to recognize those special young people who have exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in state government; and

Whereas, Ryan Stephen Lewis, a 2007 graduate of Truman State University in Kirksville, has distinguished himself as an Intern for the Honorable Rod Jetton, State Representative from District No. 156; and

Whereas, Ryan Lewis joined the staff of Speaker Jetton for the First Regular Session of the Ninety-fourth General Assembly as part of the Missouri State Intern Program at the state capitol in Jefferson City, a program designed to involve college students in the legislative process through active participation; and

Whereas, Ryan Lewis has successfully demonstrated his abilities in the performance of such duties as assigning House Bills to committee, sorting and distributing mail, composing and revising letters, and revising and revising; and

Whereas, Ryan Lewis, while unable to effectively use eye-drops, more than adequately handled constituent calls, worked on the Senior Nutrition legislation, planned the itinerary for the fly-around that quickly became a road rally, staffed and drove the Speaker on numerous occasions—sometimes receiving driving lessons from the Speaker at no charge, completed other tasks for the Speaker including being willing to dance if needed, and maintained his physical health with innumerable trips to Legislative Research to retrieve resolutions and escorting visitors to the top of the Capitol Dome; and

Whereas, Ryan Lewis has the unique honor of being asked to read the Bill of Rights on his first day as an intern, in the House chamber during the swearing-in ceremony during the 2007 Inauguration Day; and

Whereas, Ryan Lewis met many dignitaries, such as former House Speakers and various Judges, celebrities Mary Wilson from the Supremes and Miss Missouri, and saw the 2006 World Series Trophy; and

Whereas, Ryan Lewis joined Kay Fitzpatrick, Chris Benjamin, Chris Dunn, Nathan Dampf, Aaron Willard, Betty Pringer, Kenny Ross, Dave Hageman, Keith Kirk, as well as fellow Intern David Willis to work in the office of Speaker Jetton; and

Whereas, Ryan Lewis has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his parents, Edward and Jaye Lewis, who reside in Chesterfield, Missouri, and one brother, Coley, who resides in South St. Louis County:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, hereby proudly join the Honorable Rod Jetton in commending Ryan Lewis for his many important contributions to our State Legislature during the current session, and further extend to him our very best wishes for continued success and happiness in all future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Ryan Stephen Lewis, as a measure of our deep gratitude.

Offered by Speaker Rod Jetton
District No. 156

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3657, adopted May 15, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker